

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: U.S. Patent Application of:  
Andrew G. SWALES et al.

Application No. 10/003,123

Filed: November 26, 2001

For: MESSAGING APPLICATION LAYER  
OVER ETHERNET TO TRANSPORT  
LAYER (TCP) COMMUNICATIONS  
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A  
MODULAR TERMINAL INPUT/OUTPUT  
SYSTEM

Docket No: SAA-5-2

Examiner: LEZAK, Arrienne M

Conf No: 6275

Art Unit: 2143

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is the Reply to August 25, 2005 Non-Final Office Action.

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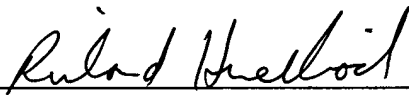
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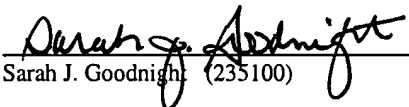
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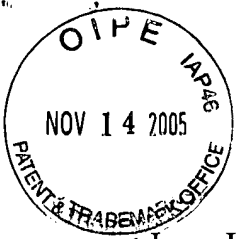
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**REPLY TO AUGUST 25, 2005 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Examiner:

This Reply is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 25, 2005. This Reply is being submitted within the three month shortened statutory time period.

Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks set forth below.

This Reply is being submitted in a form which complies with revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, all pending claims are identified by number and appropriate status identifier.

**Listing of Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.